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**Tier 3 Mitigations Update and Resources for Local Businesses**

**KANKAKEE, IL (November 20, 2020)** – The state of Illinois will be moving into Tier 3 mitigations today on Friday, November 20, 2020 due to the spike in COVID-19 cases across the state. There are multiple resources available for local businesses during these unprecedented times.

Funding is still available for the Business Interruption Grant (BIG) Program. BIG is a \$636 million program that was created by Governor Pritzker and Illinois General Assembly to assist small businesses affected by COVID-19 losses. Funding from this program can be used to help businesses with working capital expenses such as rent, utilities, payroll costs, and other operational expenses listed on their website. \$220 million is available in this second round of funding. To apply, visit their website [here](#).

Additional funding will be available through the Bounce Back Kankakee business assistance program in December. More information will be announced on the City of Kankakee's website and social media platforms once applications are open again. First priority will be given to the hospitality and restaurant industries, as well as, other businesses most impacted by the pandemic.

On December 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., there will be a webinar session dedicated to City of Kankakee local businesses providing information on the Illinois Business Interruption Grant (BIG), pivoting business strategies, local resources, and more. This will be hosted by the City of Kankakee in partnership with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Registration and information for this event will be made available at [www.citykankakee-il.gov](http://www.citykankakee-il.gov).

For information about business advisory services, please contact Brad Benoit, ECDA Business Retention and Attraction Coordinator at 815-933-0488 or via email at [bwbenoit@citykankakee-il.gov](mailto:bwbenoit@citykankakee-il.gov).

For more information on the Illinois mitigations, visit <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/restore-illinois-mitigation-plan> and <https://dceoresources-ss-assets.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/public/Restore-Illinois/Tier-3-COVID-19-Resurgence-Mitigations.pdf>. For more resources specifically created for businesses, visit <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/resources-for-business> and <https://dceocovid19resources.com/for-businesses/>.

**RESTORE ILLINOIS**

**Tier 3 mitigations begin in all regions on Friday, Nov. 20.**

**OPEN**

- BARS AND RESTAURANTS**  
OUTDOOR SERVICE, PICKUP & DELIVERY
- CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRADES**
- GROCERY**  
AT 50% CAPACITY
- HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTERS**  
AT 25% CAPACITY
- HOTELS**  
LIMITED TO REGISTERED GUESTS
- MANUFACTURING**  
WITH SAFETY GUIDELINES
- OUTDOOR SPORTS & RECREATION**  
WITH 10 PERSON GATHERING LIMITS
- PERSONAL CARE SERVICE**  
AT 25% CAPACITY
- PHARMACY**  
AT 50% CAPACITY
- RETAIL**  
AT 25% CAPACITY
- SCHOOLS AND DAY CARE**  
(LOCAL DECISION)

**PAUSE**

- BANQUET HALLS & EVENT SPACES**
- CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS**
- GAMING AND CASINOS**
- INDOOR FITNESS CLASSES**
- INDOOR GROUP SPORTS & RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- OFFICES SHOULD WORK REMOTELY IF POSSIBLE**
- LIMIT GATHERINGS TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD**

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/GovPritzker/posts/3643174909130176>

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### About the Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA):

The Kankakee Economic and Community Development (ECDA) is a local government agency whose mission is to improve the lives of Kankakee residents and enhance the economic vitality of communities through housing, economic development and community development. The ECDA administers programs that serve the neighborhoods and residents of the City of Kankakee provided by federal, state and local funding. For more information, contact ECDA

at 815-933-0506, Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit our website at <https://ecda.citykankakee-il.gov/>.

**About the City of Kankakee, Illinois:**

The City of Kankakee is dedicated to protecting, building and nurturing the community while enhancing lives. We are a historic, vibrant and active riverfront community. We continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow and thrive. Embracing our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive and innovative. For more information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at [www.citykankakee-il.gov](http://www.citykankakee-il.gov).